



The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER

01.01.2009.21

Declaration of Emergency

WHEREAS, Maryland is subject to a great variety of natural hazards or disasters including but not limited to severe winter storms and power outages;

WHEREAS, Having been advised and informed by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency that there is the anticipation of severe winter weather, flooding and subsequent power outages, an emergency exists in the State of Maryland and that resources may be requested;

WHEREAS, In order to facilitate the deployment of requisite resources within provisions of Maryland law;

WHEREAS, Use of resources of the Maryland National Guard may be required; and

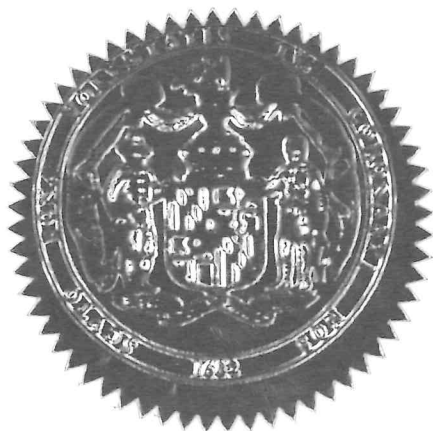
WHEREAS, In order to implement the emergency powers of the Governor, an Executive Order of the Governor is appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, DECLARE THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY EXISTS IN MARYLAND. I CALL THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD INTO STATE SERVICE AND HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY OR OTHER APPROPRIATE STATE AUTHORITY, DURING THIS EMERGENCY PERIOD, TO ENGAGE, DEPLOY AND COORDINATE AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 19th day of December, 2009.



Martin O'Malley
Governor



ATTEST:



John P. McDonough
Secretary of State